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T. W. PALMER JR. EDUCATOR, 36, DIES

Associate History Professor
at Boston U. Was Expert
on Latin America

Special to The New York Times.

WHITE PLAINS, Jan. 12—Dr.

Thomas Waverly Palmer Jr., Associate Professor of History at Boston University, died today in White Plains Hospital after a brief illness. He was 36 years old.

Dr. Palmer was taken ill during the Christmas holidays while visiting his parents in Scarsdale. His home was in Boston.

An authority on Latin America, he recently was named coordinator of Latin-American studies at Boston University and was a lecturer at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy of Tufts University. He completed recently a book on the Latin-American policy of the United States.

Dr. Palmer was born in Chile, where his father was legal counsel to a copper company. He attended the Taft School and graduated in 1941 from Amherst College, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

He received M. A. and Ph. D. degrees in history from Columbia University. During World War II Dr. Palmer was a lieutenant in the Navy in the intelligence branch in Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina. He spoke both Portuguese and Spanish. After the war he was an official of the Point Four program in South America, and in 1953-54 he was with the Central Intelligence Agency in Washington.

From 1949 to 1951 Dr. Palmer was a lecturer in undergraduate studies in Latin-American affairs at Yale University. A few weeks ago he was appointed Professor of International Relations at the Naval War College, Newport, R. I., and was to have been on leave of absence after next July 1 from Boston University.

Surviving are his parents, a sister, Miss Marguerite E. Palmer of New York, and a brother, Richard R. Palmer.

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